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SUBJECT: SPOKANE EXPO 74 - VISIT OF COMMISSIONER HENDERSON

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1. IN THIRTY HOUR STOP BELGRADE, COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY WARNES AND EMBASSY OFFICERS, MET WITH SENIOR YUGOSLAV MEMBERS OF AD HOC INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS, AS WELL AS OTHERS INFLUENTIAL ON THIS ISSUE.

2. HENDERSON CONFERRED WITH FILIP MARJANOVIC, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, REDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER; MILICA ZIBERNA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN TRADE; DR. ALEX BEBLER, PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT; LBUBO RELJIC, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION; AND DRAGAN STOJILKOVIC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, JUGOSLAVIA PUBLIK (ORGANIZER OF YUGOSLAV EXHIBITIONS ABROAD). AT EMBASSY RECEPTION, HE ALSO ADDRESSED 15 HIGH-LEVEL BANKERS AND ENTERPRISE MANAGER ON ADVANTAGES

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OF YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION.

3. YUGOSLAVS TOLD HENDERSON THAT QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION - INITIALLY RAISED WITH THEM THROUGH EMBASSY LETTER WRITING AND CALLS CAMPAIGN - WAS STILL OPEN, AND WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE DECIDED BEFORE END OF YEAR. SOME (ZIBERNA, BEBLER) EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR BENEFITS YUGOSLAVIA WOULD DERIVE FROM PARTICIPATION (IMAGE, DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS, ATTRACTION OF TOURISM AND INVESTMENTS, PROMOTION OF EXPORTS), AND SAID THAT, IN INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS, THEIR "ATTITUDE WILL BE POSITIVE." OTHERS WERE MORE RESERVED AND NONCOMMITTAL; REFERRED TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS OF LIMITED 1974 FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL SHOWS; YUGOSLAV TRADITIONAL PREFERENCE FOR TRADE FAIRS; LIMITED YUGOSLAV CAPABILITY IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD; AND SHORTAGE OF TIME TO PUT TOGETHER EFFECTIVE EXHIBIT. ALL STATED ISSUE WOULD RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION.

4. WHILE WE BELIEVE CHANCES OF YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION LESS THAN 50-50, DUE TO CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE SHALL FOLLOW UP VIGOROUSLY, INCLUDING CALLS ON OTHER STRATEGICALLY PLACED OFFICIALS. TOON

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